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For: ABNORMALITY DETECTION DEVICE FOR DETECTING AN ABNORMALITY IN A COMMUNICATION BUS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on October 18, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 18, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 18, 2002.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-7 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,742,851 to Sekine ("Sekine"). The reasons for the rejection are set forth in the